

HUAHINE, FRENCH POLYNESIA

Huahine: Highlights of Huahine Nui

ACTIVITY LEVEL: EASY

Traveling from the pier you will first see vanilla growing stalls where you will learn about the **drying process of this famous and widely used fragrance**. If you like, you may purchase some as a souvenir. Next, you will visit Maeva Marae, a well-preserved archaeological site. As your tour progresses, you may see ancient fish traps that were built centuries ago and are still used by locals today. Huahine is also very famous for its **blue-eyed eels** that populate a small river stream in the village of Faie. Before heading back to the pier, a stop at the **Belvedere Lookout** will give you a great opportunity to capture some stunning photographs.

Please note: This tour includes limited walking, mainly at each guest's discretion, during the stops. Lightweight clothing, sun cap, sunglasses, sunscreen, insect repellent, a bottle of water, and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended. The itinerary and order of the stops may change and the duration of the stops can vary based upon group size and interest.

PRICE\$89

Huahine: Sacred Sites & Cultural Walk

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

Your eco-excursion will begin with an introduction from your knowledgeable anthropologist guide. You will leave the pier aboard an open-air vehicle and make your way to **Maeva Village**, home to the densest concentration of archaeological sites in Polynesia. During your walk you will see the **Fare Pote'e Museum** and learn about Polynesian origins and society. Just above Maeva is **Mata'irea Hill**, home to over 200 stone structures, including marae, agricultural terraces, house foundations, fortification walls, and burial platforms. Your next stop will be at a local family-run vanilla plantation then on to see the 500-year-old fish traps used by the people of Maeva today. Your return route to the pier will take you through the village of **Faie** where your guide will feed the giant blue-eyed eels and then up the mountain to the **Belvedere Lookout** where you will have a wonderful photo opportunity of the beautiful Bay of Maroe.

Please note: There is approximately 90 minutes of sometimes strenuous uphill and downhill walking on uneven and natural surfaces. Le Truck is a casual, open-air vehicle resembling a windowless bus. Due to road conditions in some areas of the island, you should be prepared for a bumpy ride during parts of the tour. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns. It is also not recommended for those with bad backs, pregnant women

or people who suffer from motion sickness or vertigo. Lightweight clothing, a sun cap, sunglasses, sunscreen, insect repellent, a bottle of water, and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended. The tour may be run using two of the 8-seater jeeps with groups smaller than 17. The itinerary and order of the stops may change and the duration of the stops can vary based upon group size and interest.

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Huahine: Safari Expedition

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

Discover the majestic beauty of Huahine and its most fascinating attractions during this eco tour with a friendly guide. Depart the pier by off-road vehicle for the drive to Huahine Nui. After crossing the bridge linking the two islands, you will ascend the island's steepest road for **spectacular panoramic views** over Maroe Bay and the ship. Upon arrival in the village of **Faie**, a stop will be made to feed the **blue-eyed eels** that live in the stream running through the village. Next, you will take a short **outrigger trip to visit "Huahine Pearl Farm and Pottery,"** where you will learn the secrets of the black pearl and have a chance to purchase the farm products, including their famous blue pottery made from a glaze found at the bottom of the lagoon while pearl farming. You will continue on to **Maeva** to view the amazing, open-air **stone temples** (Marae) that are considered to be the islands most sacred artifacts. You will also see the **400-year-old stone-fish traps still in use today**. Then visit a small vanilla plantation where you will view the climbing orchids that produce the aromatic vanilla beans. After a drive along "Lake Fauna Nui" you will arrive in Fare, the island's largest town. You will have a chance to see local plantations and learn about medicinal plants used throughout the world today. You will then complete the circular drive around Huahine Nui with splendid views of the colorful bays and lagoons and cross the bridge to Huahine Iti before returning to the pier.

Please note: Although the off-road vehicle will remain on the main road for most of the drive, this tour also involves travel over non-paved roads with steep ascents and descents. This tour is not recommended for guests with back and/or neck problems, guests who suffer from vertigo or motion sickness, or guests with limited mobility. Walking on this tour is mainly at the guests' discretion during the stops; however, a high step is required to board the 4X4s. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests. Light weight clothing, sun cap, sunglasses, sunscreen, insect repellent, a bottle of water from the ship, and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended. The itinerary and order of the stops may change and the duration of the stops can vary based upon group size and interest. As the 4X4s carry only 8 guests maximum, large families or couples may be split dependent on tour numbers.

PRICE\$105

Huahine: Snorkeling Expedition

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

Discover Huahine from the ocean, its beautiful landscapes and gorgeous lagoon. Onboard your covered boat you will see Huahine Iti (Small Huahine) and Huahine Nui. Head towards **Motu Vaiorea**. You will anchor near an islet and enjoy some **snorkeling in the crystal clear lagoon**. After donning a mask and snorkel, enter water and swim amid the marine life. Underwater sightings may include butterfly fish, groupers and hundreds of other **rainbow-colored species**. Get acquainted with the tropical flora and fauna. Refreshments will be served.

Please note: Duration of the tour is approximate and is dependent on group interest and local conditions. Itinerary and order of stops may vary. Tours DO operate in wet weather. All tours are subject to cancellation prior to departure dependent upon inappropriate weather conditions that would lead to safety issues. Weather is independent from our control and no refund and /or compensation will be given for tours operating under the rain. Guests must be in reasonably good condition and able to swim. Masks & snorkels are provided. Wear your swimsuit under a cover up, a sun cap, sunglasses, biodegradable sunscreen, towel and flat comfortable shoes or aqua socks.

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